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OR THE CONSUL GENERAL MAY TEN-DER HIS RESIGNATION.

Dr. Ruiz Clubbed to Death-Anxiety at Havana Over Rumors from the Unied States.

HAVANA. Feb. 25 .- Consul General Lee to-day handed to the Associated Press correspondent the following general statement, with the request that it be circulated:

"Neither our flag nor young American women have ever been insulted here. On the contrary. I have always found the Spaniards courteous and polite to all Americans, as well as to every one else."

It is claimed that the withdrawal of the a pardon was offered him as already cabled. Consul General Lee dined at the Hotel company with his family and friends.

The position of Consul General Lee is now said to be as follows: If Secretary of State Olney will not promise to support other American incommunicado more than seventy-two hours, in accordance with the treaty, he will resign.

CLUBBED TO DEATH.

Dr. Ricardo Ruiz Killed by the Spanish Governor of Guanabacoa.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 25.-A passenger from Havana who has just landed here from the steamer Olivette informed a correspondent that Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, the American citizen who was found dead, apparently beaten to death, in a cell of the prison of Guanabacoa, was killed by Fonsdievela, the Spanish governor of Guanbacoa. The passenger explained that Governor Fonsdievela visited Dr. Ruiz in his place of confinement and violently ques tioned him. Ruiz resented the governor' brutal manner and this so angered Fonsgievela that he seized a club and struck the unfortunate man on the head and so caused his death.

Ruiz's Slayers May Be Punished.

MADRID, Feb. 25 .- The premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo, the minister for foreign affairs, the Duke of Tetuan and the minister for war. Lieutenant General Azcarraga, have had a long conference on the case of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, a citizen of the United States who died recently in the prison of Guanabacoa, near Havana. The semi-official Epocha, referring to the conference, says the government is prepared to make an inquiry into the matter, adding that if Dr. Ruiz was illtreated the guilty parties will be punished.

ANXIETY AT HAVANA.

Spanish Officials Fear the Outcome of

Fitzhugh Lee's Bold Stand. HAVANA, via Key West, Fla., Feb. 25 .-There is anxiety in official circles as to the outcome of the strained relations existing between United States Consul General Lee and his government on account of the confinement incommunicado (solitary confinement) here for nearly twelve days of Charles Franklin Scott, an American citizen, in violation of treaty rights. General Lee on Wednesday authorized the correndent of the Associated Press to say that he had not asked the United States government to send war ships to this port on account of the death of Dr. Ruiz, apparently from violence, in the prison of Guanabacoa, but the fact seems to remain that the United States consul general did ask the State Department to advise him whether it would send a war vessel to Havana if one was necessary to enforce the demand for the release of Scott from solitary confinement. To this Secretary Olney made an evasive reply. The general asked for a definite statement from the department and it is not known whether he has or has not received a reply to his last message. In the face of all diplomatic fencing. correspondent is in a position to say that General Fitzhugh Lee has threatened to resign if he does not receive the support of the United States government in his efforts to secure the rights of American citizens. It is understood that the Spanish government has decided to order a strict inquiry to be made into the death of Dr. Ruiz.

TRAPPED BY CUBANS.

Spanish Guerrillas Put to the Machete

been received here of a spirited engagement between a Spanish and a Cuban force on the outskirts of Sankikra City. The fight most interesting recorded since the campaign opened. Sixty local guerrillas and sixty mobilized Havana firemen, under Captain Blanco, left the Pulido plantation, near San Antonio, to reconnoiter the surrounding country. Shortly after leaving their headquarters the Spanish forces exchanged shots with the insurgents' outposts. The Spaniards thereupon advanced and the Cuprepared ambush near the Goyo Ruiz ranch. In pursuing the insurgents the Spanish guerrillas and firemen entered a narrow path bordered on each side by thick bushes. Suddenly about two hundred insurgent cavalry and a hundred of the enemies' infantry under the leadership of Garcia and Mendetie, attacked the Spaniards with loud cries of "Al machete! al machete! etc. A scene of terrible carnage followed and some stubborn fighting was witnessed The Spanish vanguard eventually broke and fled, throwing the main body into confusion, in the midst of which the Spanish fired wildly at each other as well as at the insurgents, while others threw away their arms and fled, finally being overtaken by the insurgents and put to the machete. The Spanish force left forty-six killed and two wounded on the field. The insurgents remained on the field for an hour picking up the arms thrown away by the troops and finishing the Spanish wounded. At daybreak on Feb. 19 the insurgents dynamited and destroyed the railroad bridge between Azotia and Esperanca, province of Santa Clara, suspending all

traffic for a time. The damage done has been repaired. The insurgents have attacked pastures, seizing over one hundred At Santa Clara City there are 267 political suspects awaiting trial. On Monday night a force of 300 insurgents attacked the stock yards at Luyalo, on the outskirts of Havana, carrying off all the cattle in spite of the fact that they were defended by

twenty-five guerrillas, compelling the butchers to slaughter cows in their stables in order to provide agent for this city.

RANK DISCRIMINATION.

Madrid Correspondent Who Committed Scovel's Offense Not Molested.

HAVANA, Feb. 25.-La Lucha to-da/ continues treating of the recent trip of Senor Morote, correspondent of El Liberal, of disratches. They knew long ago of the existence of the plan for reforms in Cuba, and that, therefore, its publication had no political effect of importance. La Lucha adds the United States and Spain on account of the arrest at Sancti Spiritus of Mr. Syl-

actly what Senor Morote did; yet the latter is allowed his liberty in this city, and there is no intimation that he will be arrested. Referring to the reports in circulation regarding the resignation of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, La Lucha says that the United States consul general in taking the action attrib-

uted to him is desirous of leaving his post

before President-elect McKinley takes of-

fice, so as to avoid "an invitation to leave his post.' The correspondent of El Liberal, of Madrid, who recently returned here from a visit to the camp of Gomez, says that the insurgents are well organized into battalions. He adds that he heard their military bands playing "La Marseillaise," and says they have established manufactories of all kinds of war materials, and asserts that they are pushing westward in the rear of

Weyler's column Fernando and Amado Pino, American citzens, who have been arrested on the charge of being Nanigos, and who were liberated at the request of General Lee, will sail for Key West on Saturday. Nanigos are members of a secret political society. Joseph A. Springer, the United States vice consul, returned here this morning. The editor of La Lucha, Senor San Miguel, and Senor Morote, correspondent of El Liberal, of Madrid, will, it is announced,

fight a duel, the result of the recent attacks of La Lucha upon Senor Morote, growing out of the interview with the Cuan insurgents obtained by Morote and cabled to his paper. La Lucha practically accused Senor Morote of a violation of the Spanish laws in visiting the camp of Gen. Gomez and the Cuban leaders.

Cisperos's Death Not Confirmed. HAVANA. Feb. 25 .- No confirmation has been received of the reports sent out by the Puerto Principe correspondent of La Lucha of the death of the president of the Cuban republic, Salvador Cisneros y Betancourt, Marquis of Santa Lucia, who is said to have expired from sickness and old age idly. Everywhere above here navigation is

The whereabouts of Gen. Maximo Gomez are not made public if they are known to the Spanish officials, but private dispatches from Santa Clara say that numerous bands of insurgents, some say numberappeal of Sanguilly was due to the fact that | ing 5,000 men, have been seen passing over the railroad line between Cienfuegos, on the south coast, and Santa Clara, going by forced march and in the direction of the Inglaterra to-night and spent the evening in | province of Matanzas, destroying the railroad lines and culverts as they pushed

Gen. Calixto Garcia, with some 4,000 insurgents, is reported to be operating in the vicinity of Puerto Padre and Baracoa, on the north coast. The steamers Julia and a demand for a release in the case of any | Manuel, coasting near Baracoa, have been fired on and obliged to put out to sea.

> Gomez's Army Scattered. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.-Senor Depuy De Lome, the Spanish minister, to-day received the following cablegram from Mad rid, signed by the minister of foreign af-

> "The brigades of Generals Gasco, Ruiz and Segura met in succession the forces commanded by Maximo Gomez, defeating them and obliging them to disperse in re-Twenty dead were counted, and a great number of the rebels were wounded. Four battalions occupy all the possible passes to Matanzas and Las Vilias and prevent the retreat of Gomez to the west. The trocha of Jucaro, almost completely closed, makes it very difficult for him to retreat to the east. Seven columns are operating between these lines in pursuit of Gomez.'

> Fitzhugh Lee Congratulated. NEW YORK: Feb. 25 .- The following dispatch was cabled to Fitzhugh Lee, at Havana, Cuba, to-day: "The Cuban leaders of the United States, representing the unanmous sentiment of the American people, cordially congratulate you for your patriotic stand. It redeems our country to ome degree from a load of infamy imposed by some of its leading officials." The dispatch was signed by "Ethan Allen, president Cuban League of the United States."

SAY PRICES ARE LOW.

Flint-Glass Manufacturers Meet and Discuss Business.

PITTSBURG. Feb. 25 .- An important meeting of flint glass manufacturers of Pittsburg and the West is in session here to-day. Trade is reported good but prices are low. A number of suggestions were under consideration, among them being temporary closing of some factories. The proposition to reorganize the Western Flint Bottle Association, which was dissolved last year, is also under consideration, but nothing definite has yet been done. A number of those present at the meeting favored the reorganization, and believed bet-ter prices could be made and maintained.

SAW NO VISITORS.

President-Elect McKinley Took Brive Yesterday and Rested.

CANTON, O., Feb. 25 .- The past day of more pleasant weather has been beneficial to President-elect McKinley, and he is gaining in strength and health. He took advantage of a little sunshine just before noon to-day and drove about the city for a short time, accompanied by Mrs. McKinley and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Morse, of San Francisco, Mrs. Morse being a niece of the late David McKinley. Dr. Phillips, the family physician, called during the morning. He continues to insist that his patient shall see no more visitors, and all who come asking a conference are referred to Private Secretary James Boyle. There were several callers at the McKinley home this morning. The physician's instructions were in no case violated.

Bryan at New Haven. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 25 .- If the Hon, William Jennings Bryan cherished any hard feeling toward New Haven owing to the incident which marked his visit here in October while campaigning they will most assuredly be forgotten after tonight. The reception accorded to Mr. Bryan was most hearty, and when he appeared on the stage of the Hyperion Theater to deliver his lecture on "Bimetallism" he faced a representative audience, which practically filled the theater. He was accorded frequent applause during his remarks. The lecture lasted about two hours. and at its close a public reception was held,

at which the majority of the audience met the speaker. Brigham to Succeed Dabney.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.-It is stated tonight that J. H. Brigham, of Delta, O., master of the National Grange, has been offered and has accepted the office of assistant secretary of agriculture, to succeed Mr. . W. Dabney, of Tennessee, The latter s ready to retire at any time to resume his duties as president of the University of Tennessee, an office which has been held open for him through this administra-

Washington Women May Vote. OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 25 .- The Senate to-day passed a bill for an amendment to the Constitution conferring elective franchises on women, the question to be submitted in the next general election in November, 1898. As a bill of similar purport has already passed the House there is every reason to believe that this bill will be agreed to by the House without serious

Chairman Hanna's Callers. CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 25.-Chairman Hanna had a large number of callers today, among them being ex-Senator D. M.

Sabin, of Minnesota, and Gen. A. J. Sampson, of Arizona. Mr. Hanna and family will start for Washington to-morrow afternoon. It is announced that the committee's neadquarters will be transferred to the cap-Bribed to Vote for a Senator.

BOISE, Ida., Feb. 25.-Representative H. S. Joines has made an affidavit setting forth that he was bribed to vote for Henry Heitfeld for United States senator. It is said affidavits of a similar character have been made by two other members.

Penusylvania Treasury Probers, HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 25.-The treasary probers into the affairs of the state treasury and auditor general's office continued their work this afternoon. State Treasurer Haywood testified that to his knowledge no notes have ever been discounted out cf State funds, nor are there any persons on the pay roll of the State who do not render it service. Mr. Haywood said that he had never required any employe to receipt for a larger sum than the amount paid him, nor had he ever

loaned State money for political purposes, Mr. Cleveland's Cruise.

GREENWICH, Conn., Feb. 25.-The umors that have prevailed of late that President Cleveland was to start on a tour of the world in E. C. Benedict's yacht Oneida after his retirement from the White House was definitely disproved to-day when vester Scovel, the correspondent of the New | Mr. Benedict stated that the overhauling of York World, who is now awaiting trial at Santa Clara on the charge of entering the insurgents' camp without permission, ex-

OHIO RIVER ABOUT STATIONARY AT CINCINNATI LAST NIGHT.

Maximum Stage of Nearly Sixty-One Above Low-Water Mark Reached About 12 o'Clock.

SUFFERING FAMILIES

HAVING BEEN DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES TO HIGHER GROUND.

Navigation Partly Resumed on the Upper Ohio-Thirty Feet on the Falls at Louisville.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 25 .- To-night the sky here is cloudy and the mercury is rising. At all river points from Pittsburg to Maysville the river is falling very rapresuming. In most places only small local boats can move, on account of the river bridges. However, two regular boats started from Parkersburg to-night - one up stream for Pittsburg, one down for Cincinnati. At Portsmouth boats are assisting the crippled railways in carrying mails and passengers. Danger is over in all the inundated up-river towns. Suffering at Portsing. The same may be said of Huntington, Maysville, where inundation drove out hundreds of families. Charity at home in all these places is prompt to provide for the Ohio. From Maysville down to Cincinnati the flood is at its worst. Below Cincinnati though the river is very full, the high-tide carrying the water down very rapidly. No serious losses of property or life have been reported from up-river points within the

last thirty hours. Right here in Cincinnati and vicinity the situation is at its worst to-night. All the railroads are leaving from their regular depots, except those entering the Grand Central, and they use the Eighth-street Station. In fact, the railroad situation is the same as last night. Upper Cincinnati, at Pendleton, is pretty badly flooded. At least a hundred families are driven from dwellings. They are amply provided for by organized charity, assisted day and night by large details of police. Up Mill creek a few families have been driven from home and many cellars are full of water. Down the river, at Delphi, Riverside, Ccal City and Addyston, some families have been compelled to abandon their homes and many cellars are inundated. Newport, on the Kentucky side of the river, suffers most proportionately. Over three hundred families have been driven to higher ground, Large details of police are employed day and night giving relief. Some deliver provisions from boats to people lodged in the second stories of their homes. Covington is almost unscathed. Many families in Ludlow live over deluged cellars and some have been driven from their homes. The village of Bromley, below Ludlow, with about seven hundred inhabitants, is almost wholly flooded. Those who have two-story houses have taken refuge upstairs and receive feed supplies from boats. The dam of the great lake at the Ludlow lagoon is in great danger. It is probably within the facts to say that along the Cincinnati river front on both sides of the river six hundred families have been driven from their homes

and as many more compelled to live over flooded cellars At 9 o'clock to-night the stage here was of feet 8% inches, having risen half an inch in the last bour. This rate may be kept up for two more hours, when the maximum will be reached. When the recession begins it will be more rapid than was the rise. It may be expected that to-morrow night or Saturday morning navigation will be resumed at Cincinnati and at all other points above and below.

By a sort of paradox the flood caused a dangerous fire to-day. The B. P. Clapp ammonia plant in Pendleton was surrounded by water and a lot of lime in slaking set fire to the building. Engines had to go through three feet of water to reach it, and hose was carried on skiffs to play on the The building was entirely Midnight .- For four hours the river has

been rising half an inch hourly. Its midnight stage was 60 feet 101/2 inches, and still rising half an inch per hour. It is barely possible that the sixty-one-foot mark may It is estimated that five thousand workmen in Cincinnati and Kentucky towns opposite have been thrown out of employment by the stoppage of inundated factories, to say nothing of those kept from work by inundated homes. The factories stopped by the flood in Cincinnati are most numerous in Mill creek valley. They are mostly foundries, machine shops and carriage factories. To-night the Queen City race track, on the Licking river, above Newport, is under water, and the ball park in Cincinnati is 'n the same predicament. The flood is drawing numerous sightseers here from the interior of Ohio and Indiana, for whom

some railroads have made speciar rates. Situation at New Albany.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. NEW ALBANY, Ind., Feb. 25 .- The river reached a stage to-day that caused the New Albany Manufacturing Company to cease operations, the water spreading over its floors. A score of families on Water of one foot will cover the Pennsylvania tracks at Pearl street. The back-water in Falling Run creek has washed out the approaches to the West Seventh-street bridge. which has been closed. Not much damage will result if the river comes to a stand tonight, as is expected.

At the Ohio Falls. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 25 .- The river about a foot more is expected by the weather bureau. Lower Fourth avenue is flooded for about a half a block, and the first floors and basements of a great many houses along the river front are several feet under water. The occupants had ample warning, and as the buildings are mostly of a poor class the loss will not be large, Tenants of upper floors have not vacated. and communication with dry land is kept

up by means of boats. Damage at Madison.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MADISON, Ind., Feb. 25.-The river here to-night is fifty-two feet above low-water mark and rising. Front street and the railroad track are covered and many houses are inundated. The levee is damaged by washouts. Thousands of people visited the river front to-day to see the flood.

WAR SPIRIT ABROAD

(Concluded from First Page.) with arms in hand, the department officers claim the records will show that it has acted with every degree of energy and speed consistent with sound practice and

liplomatic usage

Touching the statement that comes from Havana to the effect that relations are strained over the detention incommunicado of the American, Scott, it is said that the man has been placed in communicado with the outside world, including the United States consul general, and that complaint who was either klile! a victim of suicide in his cell, a thorough investigation has been instituted by the Madrid authorities on the representation of United States Minister Taylor, and it is not doubted that if the facts as disclosed establish the right of Ruiz to American citizenship and of his killing, the Spanish authorities will make such amends as international practice re-

A rumor gained wide currency to-day that Consul General Lee had been given his passports and that a serious rupture had occurred between the United States and Thurber, secretary to the President, said "Crazy Jim."

that President Cleveland had not received the resignation of Consul General Lee, nor had he been advised of any such resigna-Mr. Thurber likewise made an unqualified denial of reports that General Lee had asked that war ships be sent to Cuba.

War News Excites Anderson.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ANDERSON, Ind., Feb. 25.-Citizens here have been in a state of feverish expectancy all afternoon by the posting of "war dispatches" purporting to have been received from the correspondent of the New York Herald stationed in Havana. Dispatches from New York and Washington were posted in public places and in the window of the Citizens' Bank. The sympathy in Anderson for the Cubans has been very outspoken and pronounced since the calling of public meeting by Mayor M. M. Dunlap last spring. While the crowds were discussing the war news "Old Glory" was run up on the flag staff surmounting the courthouse dome and lusty cheers were given as the stars and stripes unfolded gracefully in

FITZ DID LITTLE WORK

AND IN TRYING TO ESCAPE CAMERA FIENDS FELL ON THE ICE.

What the Pugilists at Carson City Are Saying and Doing-"Bob's" Mother-in-Law Dead.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 25.-A telegram from New York late this afternoon announcing the death of Mrs. Julian, Fitzsimmons's mother-in-law, cast a shadow over the training quaters at Cook's ranch. Martin Julian was deeply affected by the news, although he stated that he had been momentarily expecting such tidings. His mother, Julian said, had been suffering from heart trouble for months, and all mouth, where it was greatest, is diminish- hopes of her recovery were given up weeks ago. He will not go to New York to at-Cattlettsburg, Hanging Rock. Aberdeen and tend the funeral, nor will Fitz leave Carson City for the East. Fitz ran into town early this morning,

followed by his trainer, Roeber, in a buggy. unfortunate whom it is periodically called He went to the postoffice for his mail and upon to care for during big floods in the remained in the government building long length regarding the price of coal and its enough to give every photographer in town, amateur and professional, a chance to the tributaries are all falling rapidly, and, reach the spot. The New Zelander has developed marked antipathy for cameras, and in his efforts to evade the photograppers to-day he sustained a fall which might have resulted seriously. Instead of leaving the postoffice by the front door he thought to outwit the camera flends by jumping out of a window on the east side of the building. But in trying to escape he slipped on a cake of ice and fell sprawling in the snow. Before he could pick himself up the photographers were close upon him and many pictures were secured. Bob did very little work to-day. It was his intention to put in three hours of hard work this afternoon, but those plans were abandoned at once when the news of Mrs. Julian's death was received. At Corbett's quarters there was nothing but activity all day long. The arrival of George Green, who is to fight "Mysterious" Billy Smith March 18, was one of the incidents. He was accompanied by two men from the Olympic Club, of San Francisco. Both of them are expert handball players. Corbett put in his usual two hours at work this evening, the only change in his usual programme being the appearance of Jeffries, of Los Angeles. Corbett had a private bout with this fighter, and although the latter appeared a trifle slow the champion expects to receive great help from him before the training season is over. Billy Delaney played handball this morning, but found that the air did not agree with him. Manager Brady is expected here in the morning. It is supposed Charley White, the New York trainer, will come with him. Fitzsimmons and Julian have never been accused of overlooking an opportunity to turn an honest penny, but they have hit on a scheme which now everybody admits as a "peach." They put it into operation It is a contract with a local livery stable proprietor by which he and only he shall have the authority to say who shall have the privilege of beholding Fitzsimmons at his training, even after the hardships of the tedious trip out to the ranch have been endured. Those who wish customary for sales agents to meet in conto pay the Cornishman a visit must go to this livery man for a ticket of admission to the gymnasium. True, he does not charge anything for tickets, but then he has teams for hire and nobody would ever think of attempting to walk to the ranch any more than they would go to a rival for a ris after this generous individual has provided him with the coveted tickets. Julian and Fitzsimmons are said to be in partnership

with the stableman and get a percentage of the profits accruing from letting th teams. After having seen Corbett at work Billy Delaney said: "I am completely surprised at Corbett's condition. I firmly believe him to be as good as ever he was. It will do no harm now to confess that after the Sharkey fight I thought that my old favorite was done with ring work forever, but he has recovered himself wonderfully. He is the same old Jim with a little strength and skill added. From now on till the 17t of March he will be in my charge exclusively, and one thing I intend to insist on that he shall not overwork himself. I won't allow him to train as hard as he wants to. He was always a glutton for exercise anyway, but we cannot be too careful at time like this, and all my endeavors will be bent on keeping him from getting stale. have no doubt of the outcome of the fight. You can tell the boys down below that I am going to send him into the ring fit to knock out half a dozen Fitzsimmonses i my instructions are followed as I have no bt they will be." Acting under Delaney's directions Corbett will change his pro-

gramme from day to-day so as to include some road work and will take less exercise When Jack Stelsner arrived at Fitzsimmons's quarters yesterday he remarked St. Louis could possibly continue in the that the New Zealander must have been having a lively time, for one of his eyes was a beautiful indigo. Fitzsimmons admitted laughingly that Hickey was responsible for that and Roeber, who also had a discolored optic, chimed in with an admission that Fitzsimmons had evened matters up by giving him one. Stelsner suggested the advisability of getting a eneumatic face pad like Woods, but the New Zealander remarked that he would not need it as he never hit him very hard n the past and would not do so, although he might be tempted to do so if he work

a mask. George Siler, who is to referee the fight paid a second visit to Fitzsimmons at Cook's ranch for the purpose of chatting with the New Zealand boxer on rules. Ac cording to Siler's interpretation of the Queensbury rules a man can punch with his free arm at all times. Siler admits. however, that this point is not brought out too clearly, and says that he considers it good policy to let the contestants themselves decide whether fighting shall be continued during clinches. This point has not peen settled and the probability is the fighters will not come to an understanding n this connection within ten days. Fitzdimmons told Siler that be did not propose to let Corbett know which style of fighting ne preferred until a few days before the fight. He said it was not his intention to allow Corbett to practice on breakaway blows and that sort of thing any longer than necessary. Siler will probably prepare a written statement giving his views about close-range fighting and both of them wil be asked to sign it.

CRAZED BY HAZING.

Student Driven Into Insanity by Severe Pummeling.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 25.-Clarence A. Austin, of Marion, N. Y., was made he received at the hands of the sophomore class of the University of Rochester last Friday night. Austin is a freshman nine teen years old. Several sophomores gave him a severe pummelling. Tuesday night he went into the wildest stage of defirium as the result of his treatment. He is recovering, but is still in a very nervous con-Mrs. Beecher Nearing Death.

for within two or three days.

not suffering, but her friends state that her condition has become hopeless. Samuel Scoville, Mrs. Beecher's son-in-law. said to-day that death might be looked heavy withdrawais.

A Murderer and a Rapist Hanged. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 25 .- A murderer and rapist explated their crimes upon gallows, side by side, at Pine Bluff today. It was the first legal double execu-Spain. The report was discredited here as without foundation. This afternoon Mr. Robert Cox and another negro known as about five hundred hands, started to-day on

RAILWAY OFFICERS PLACED ON THE RACK BY SENATOR LEXOW.

Presidents Sloan, Thomas and Others Questioned Regarding Allotments to Carrying Companies.

OUTPUT OF COAL RESTRICTED

BUT NO UNIFORM RATES FIXED BY THE SALES AGENTS.

Testimony as to Operations of the Sugar Refinery Company in the West-A St. Louis Man's Evidence.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.-The alleged coal combine was the special object of inquiry to-day by the joint legislative committee on trusts. President Samuel Sloan, of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company, was on hand early, having been served with a subpoena. He was the first witness called. In reply to a question by Senator Lexow, Mr. Sloan said that a conference of coal-road men was held in this city in 1896. The Philadelphia & Reading, the Lehigh Valley, the New York Central, the Delaware & Hudson, the Pennsylvania, the New York, Lake Erie & Westother railroads were represented at the meeting. Witness said that the conference lasted several hours and that it was understood that every man in the conference had pledged his honor to maintain the allotments apportioned them in the coal-carrying trade. Witness was questioned at fluctuations, but failed to throw any light on the subject, always referring the particular matter of inquiry to some other official. He said, however, that he thought the "combine" had a right to fix the price

of its own commodity. President Thomas, of the Erie road, was the next witness. He said his road had received a 4 per cent. allotment of the coal to be carried by the combine. Senator Lexow then read the various allotments made the various companies and the witness said they were correct to the best of

his recollection. "Has it not come to your notice that these sales agents meet and fix a uniform rate?" he was asked.

"It has not." "Is there a uniform rate?"

"I am sorry to say there is not." Witness said that the restriction of output increases the demand for coal among the consumers. "The question of the amount of coal to be produced was never discussed at any meeting that I have attended,' added President Thomas, who denied that the purpose of the conference in 1896 was raising the price of coal. He admitted that the question was discussed, but no definite action, he said, had been taken in that regard. The anthracite coal, he testified, had tatien somewhat in market price owing to the use of oil and gas as fuel. "Were you informed by your sales agents at any time that an agreement had been

en'ected to maintain a standard price?" "No, sir, I was not." E. H. Gibbons, treasurer of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, and Charles A. Walker, treasurer of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, testified briefly without adding material information

to the proceedings. Richard H. Williams, general sales agen for the Erie Railroad, testified that it was ference and discuss the output for the succeeding month. He recalled three or four such conferences and admitted selling directly to retallers. "Why was it that coal was increased 25 cents a ton after the conference in 1896?" "Because we considered the price too low at the time." Witness did not know the

rate of wages paid to coal miners. The next witness, Edwin R. Holden, vice president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, testified to having exclusive charge of the sale of coal in his company "And you fix the price of the coal?"

"Will you explain to this committee, Mr Holden, how it was that after this presidential conference in 1896 the price of coal went up 25 cents a ton?" "Prior to that time the price of coal was abnormally low-ruinously low.' In speaking of the allotments decided on at the conference, the witness said that the company he represented strenuously insisted on producing all the coal that it could sell, and added that it had proceeded along the lines then laid down ever since. The subject of combination in the coal trade was dropped temporarily while the committee listened to the testimony of Francis H. Krenning, a wholesale grocer. doing business in St. Louis, regarding his experience with the sugar refineries. Mr. Krenning said that he had refused to accept the factors' agreement in vogue by the American Sugar Rennery Company and in consequence could not procure that company's product without paying an extra charge of 30 cents per barrel. He identified a copy of the factors' agreement, with out which, he said, no retailer of sugar in sugar business. Witness further identified copies of telegrams sent to brokers and factors in St. Louis asking that no orders be given, as they would not be acepted until the factors' agreement was complied During the grinding season in the South the American Sugar Refinery Comlowered the price of sugar in St Louis by 4 cent per pound below the price at which it is sold in the East. Immediately after the close of the grinding season they caused the price of the product to be increased in St. Louis. In reply to a question by Senator Mc Carren, witness said that the factors had to choose between selling the product of the American Sugar Refinery Company and "Do you consider yourself at a disadvantage because you cannot secure the sugar of the American Sugar Refinery Com-

foreign sugars. pany?" Senator McCarren asked. "I do, yes, because the Southern sugar can only be had for a few months in the "Can you get any sugar from the American Sugar Refinery Company outside of the grinding season!

"No. sir." Witness said he was confronted with a similar state of affairs with the coffee kings and the American Tobacco Company. If he did not, he said, sign factors' agreements with these concerns he could not continue in business. The witness added that if there was a larger tariff put on foreign sugar his firm would have to go out of business or take the alternative and sign a factors' agreement.

Several witnesses were questioned as to the working of the combination of coal companies, the greater portion of the testimony being a refutation of any agreement to influence prices. With the last witness the committee closed the taking of testimony for the present. Under the terms of the resolution creating the committee its report should be ready to lay before the Legislature on March 1, but after adjournment to-day Chairman Lexow announced that he would ask for an extension until

Building Association Assigns. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 25.-The United States Building and Loan Association, doing business at No. 215 Fifth street, filed a deed of assignment in the county clerk's office. This action was in accordance with a resolution adopted by the board of directors of the association at a meeting held yesterday in the office of the company. The Columbia Finance and Trust Company was named as assignee. The Hon. Asher G. Caruth, one of the attorneys for the com-STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 25 .- Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher had a somewhat restless pany, stated that the concern was perfectnight and this morning was noticeably weaker. The aged woman is apparently ly solvent and had every expectation of continuing the business. Over \$553,000 is involved in the failure. The failure was the result of internal dissensions which caused

Business Boom.

GREENWICH, Conn., Feb. 25.-A decided been obliged to increase their working force to enable them to keep up with the orders. full time with the full number of hands,

which is the first time in three years this has been the case. The Rippowam mills that manufacture horse blankets and robes has also been taxed to its capacity. Other

ROBBED OF \$20,000.

firms are likewise rushed.

Cash and Valuable Jewels Stolen from a Spanish Vice Consul.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 .- During the absence of Senor Jose Acuma, Spanish vice consul in this city, and his wife, on Monday night, their handsome apartments were robbed of \$3,000 in cash and jewels valued at \$17,000. Many valuable papers, including some of vast importance to the Spanish government, were also taken. Senor Acuma is satisfied the robbery was committed by a man calling himself Joachim Blas, who pretended to be a Mexican and a sufferer from Cuban outrages. He was employed as private secretary by Senor Acuma and be-came a member of his household. He disappeared the night of the robbery, having been left in charge of the apartments. The police think Blas is a notorious adventurer, Senor Acuma believes he is a Cuban spy and that the papers and state secrets were the real purpose of the robbery.

BETWEEN TWO TRAINS

ELECTRIC CAR GROUND TO SPLIN-

TERS AT A CHICAGO CROSSING.

Three People Killed Outright and Three Others Possibly Fatally Injured-The Motorman Careless.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.-An electric car on the One-hundred-and-third-street line was caught between two trains going in opposite directions on the Chicago & Eastern ern, the New York, Ontario & Western and Illinois railroad this afternoon. The car carried four passengers besides the motorman and conductor, and three out of the six were killed outright. The other three are severely injured and one or more of them may also succumb. The dead are: GEORGE O'MALLEY, motorman.

R. W. YOUNG, collector for the Clinton PETER FUCHERSPINZ, car driver. H. MADISON, street-car conductor, hurt internally; may die. MISS MARY MOSCHELL, hurt internal-

ly, and right side and face cut; may re-ROBERT HINZ, injured internally; may The accident is said to have been due to the recklessness of the motorman. The crossing is protected by gates, and these

were down at the time. To all appearances O'Malley did not use any efforts to bring the car to a standstill, at least until he had reached a decline at the side of the tracks. Then it was too late, and the motor crashed through the gates on to the tracks in front of the approaching trains. One of the latter was the race train bound for Columbia Heights. The other was a north-bound freight train. The race train was the first to strike the trolley car and when it struck it it hurled the car directly in front of the other engine. Between the two the trolley car was reduced to splinters. It was split in half from platform to platform, and part of it carried one way and part carried in the opposite direction.

Similar Accident at Geneva, N. Y. AUBURN, N. Y., Feb. 25 .- A dispatch from Geneva says that a car on the Geneva & Cayuga street railway, containing six passengers, was struck by a New York Central passenger train to-day one mile east of that place and completely wrecked. Mrs. Baldwin, of Waterloo, was fatally injured. Four other passengers were seriously hurt.

BIG STRIKE PROBABLE. Ten Thousand Cloak Makers Demand

Higher Wages. NEW YORK, Feb. 25.-Ten thousand cloakmakers in this city threaten to go on strike for higher wages. Martin Klein, secretary of the executive board of the United Brotherhood of Cloakmakers, said to-night that he expects the strike will be declared next week. "The spring season has now commenced," said Secretary Klein, "and we will have to strike for the wages we had last year or work for starvation wages. The cloakmakers don't make enough now to keep body and soul together. Their condition is worse now than it ever has been." The executive committee of the United Brotherhood of Cloakmakers held a meeting to-night to prepare for the strike. Committees were appointed to organize the cloakmakers in all shops. If better wages

are not paid the strike will be ordered. Retaliation by Canadians.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 25,-The action of the Windsor Town Council in retaliating against the United States alien labor law by refusing to allow contractors to employ aliens on public works has been freely discussed here, and the outcome wili probably be a similar by-law by the Niagara Falls Town Council. The feeling all along the Niagara frontier in favor of a retaliatory measure is very keen, laboring men claiming that they are not protected. Last year crowds of American laborers, including Italians and Poles, came over from Niagara Falls, N. Y., and found employment on the sewers.

Strike of Miners. PITTSBURG, Feb. 25.-The strike of th river coal miners, which was set for yesterday, but delayed on account of the high water flooding the rivers, was inaugurated to-day. The number of men out is not known now, but the miners expect the strike to be general along the Monongahela valley, in which event seven thousand men will be involved. The men are striking for 21/2 cents per bushel in the first three pools and 2 cents in the fourth pool.

Good News for Oklahoma Bankers. FERRY, O. T., Feb. 25.—It has come to light that the law making it a crime for officers to receive deposits after the banks are in failing condition is null and void because it never passed the lower house of the Legislature, or, at least, does not appear on the journal of the House as having passed. It was signed by the president of the Senate and speaker of the House and by the Governor. It passed the upper house. The law has been on the statute books since the meeting of Oklahoma's first Legislature. Many bankers have been convicted under it, and there are fifty or more outstanding indictments in the Territory.

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